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Two Rabid Animals Bite Sandown Dogs Recently

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN — While searching out a tussle with the local wildlife is just part of being a dog, two Sandown canines picked fights in the last couple of weeks with two rabid animals, one a groundhog, the other a raccoon.

The two interactions occurred Sunday, June 24, and Tuesday, June 26, respectively.

While the dog that came in contact with the animal June 26 was up to date with its rabies vaccination, the other, which killed the groundhog, was not and had to be euthanized a few days later.

There are two courses of action when a non-vaccinated dog comes in contact with a rabid animal, a

strict, six-month quarantine, where contact is ideally limited to a single human, and euthanasia.

Animal control officer Claire Kontos dealt directly with both cases, and emphasized the importance for owners to make sure their animals are up to date with rabies shots. State law requires rabies vaccines for all dogs, cats and ferrets over 3 months of age.

When that doesn't happen, dog owners face a difficult decision that pits losing the family dog against confining - at what can be prohibitive cost - a very social animal for six months, she said.

The second dog received a booster shot from its veterinarian and is now under a home quarantine for 90 days. Kontos said she's comfortable in that case with not allowing the dog to

come into contact with new people or animals for that period.

"I can't stress enough how important it is for people to keep their animals vaccinated. This is a tragedy," said Kontos, an animal lover herself.

Police chief Joe Gordon said that while the first dog was unlikely to contract the virus because for years it had been vaccinated, caution was required, especially with the potential for an accidental bite between dog and human.

Rabies is present, said Kontos, but it's very rare for her to see positive tests, especially so close together. Last year there were no confirmed cases in town. While there were instances that involved animals acting as if they had the neurological

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Local Emergency Management Head Retires from Navy

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER — In a retirement ceremony whose traditions connected him to past and present Navy sailors, Senior Chief Petty Officer Philip Gladu said goodbye to the institution he had served for the past 21 years.

On a bright, hot Saturday, June 23, the area in front of the Chester fire station was filled with Gladu's friends, family and fellow Navy, the latter brightening the day even more with their crisp white uniforms.

Gladu currently serves as a volunteer with the Chester Fire Department and as the town's Emergency Management Direc-

tor.

The ceremony invoked many traditions while commending Gladu for his long service and thanking those who have supported him along the way. The Senior Chief entered the Navy on June 4, 1991 in Keene, and has a history of trainings and active duty service to his name.

Gladu chose his brother, Master Chief Jeremy "Jay" Gladu, as his guest speaker, someone who knew first hand about not only life in the service, but who knew Gladu well. Jay Gladu joked about being the younger and better looking of the brothers, and teased Phil about being of a lower rank.

Jay Gladu said that typically he sees commanding

officers speak at retirement ceremonies and had never seen a brother do so, and called it an honor. The two were born two years apart to the day, and according to Jay Gladu, it wasn't always an easy relationship when they were younger, but if his speech and the emotion behind it are any indication, the two are close now.

Jay Gladu reviewed his brother's service history, from many years of sea duty to shore duty to the many sailors he trained, led and mentored. "He's accomplished a lot in his 21 years in the Navy," said Jay Gladu, adding that anyone who serves even a day in the armed forces is a hero in his book. "He has left a legacy

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PJs AND PROJECTS Emily Bradley helps Mia and Christopher Perfetto build fireflies on Thursday night, June 28, at the Chester Public Library's first Pajama Story Time of the summer. The children were just two of the attendees for Bradley's new venture into entertaining and teaching local kids over the summer. See story on page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

Recyclebank Challenge Starts in Hampstead

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD — The Town of Hampstead was chosen as the representative of New Hampshire in the nationwide SC Johnson Company Green Choice Recycling Challenge. Participation in the challenge is open to all Hampstead residents.

The purpose of the Challenge is two-fold — to

raise awareness of and encourage increased recycling, and to become the winning town in the overall competition. If Hampstead residents increase the town's recycling percentage more than the other towns involved in the national competition, it could result in a financial grant for the town's recycling efforts.

The town with the highest percentage of recycling households will be given a

\$100,000 grant toward a community sustainability project, said Hampstead Recycling and Solid Waste Committee member Ellen Cabral, who is the Recyclebank liaison for Hampstead.

"To participate, Hampstead residents only have to do two things," Cabral said. "Residents need only recycle and report to Recyclebank on a weekly or monthly basis that recycling was

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Fresh Air Kids Arrive For a New Hampshire Summer



The Cardoza family was excited to see their Fresh Air youngster from New York, Juqual Freeman, as he got off the Fresh Air Fund bus. After greeting the 10-year old, they paused for a picture to document the occasion. Pictured are Brian and Lisa Cardoza of Hampstead with their children, Brittany, Holly, and Kyle, and Juqual.

Photo by Penny Williams

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

The red DATCO bus rolled to a stop at the Londonderry Burger King parking lot an hour and a half late, and was greeted by anxious families, waiting to take home their Fresh Air Kids. Many of the 21 kids who got off the bus were repeat visitors, while others remained on the bus for the next stop, Laconia.

First off the bus was Marquis Baggett, 16, back in the Granite State for a seventh summer. He will spend the summer with his Derry family, Lorraine and Bill Champeno and their son, Michael, 14. After exchanging heartfelt hugs with Lorraine and Michael, Marquis ducked into the luggage compartment to grab his backpack and bag.

Lorraine Champeno is a great advocate for the Fresh Air Fund, and said that if the country and individuals can't do something for their own young people, everyone is in trouble. The Champeno family finds that adding one more mouth to feed isn't all that hard, even during tough economic times, and the reward of having Marquis with them

for the summer is worth it.

Marquis loves basketball, has learned to swim and kayak while in New Hampshire, but first and foremost he enjoys being at home with the Champeno family, taking part in whatever they have going and enthusiastically eating the Italian cooking Lorraine can dish up.

"We took him on a trip once and all he said was he wanted to go home," she said. "I thought he meant New York but he said, 'No, no, I want to go back to your house.' We have basically adopted Marquis. We weren't able to stay in touch with him this winter, and while we try hard not to have expectations so we won't be disappointed, we realized just how important having him come and stay with us each summer is when we hadn't heard anything. We were emotional wrecks this morning until his mother called and said she had just put him on the bus."

Michael added, "It will be so good to have him here. He will want to play basketball first thing."

And Lorraine chimed in, "Supper of pot roast and potatoes, one of Marquis's

favorite meals, is in the slow cooker."

Brian and Lisa Cardoza of Hampstead and their three children, Brittany, 13, Holly, 10, and Kyle, 11 were also waiting for their Fresh Air Kid. This year is their first time in the program. Lisa said she had read about the Grimm family's experience with the Fresh Air Fund children in the Tri-Town Times and called Michelle Grimm to get information on how to participate.

Their youngster, Juqual Freeman, is a 10-year-old boy making his second visit to New England, having spent two weeks in Maine last year. He was all smiles as he got off the bus, as were his Hampstead family members.

"We are really excited about doing this," Brian Cardoza said.

Lisa said she remembers summers when neighbors had Fresh Air Kids when she was growing up, and how great an experience it was. "We expect it to be a wonderful experience for us all," she said.

Meanwhile, the Lounsbury family had driven from Augusta, Maine to pick up their Fresh Air Kid. "This is the third summer Zaemon Flowers, age 9, has come to spend time with us," said Wendy Lounsbury. She and her husband, Robert, and their son Tyler, 17, and

nephew Cameron were ready to greet him.

"I am really looking forward to his arriving," said Tyler. "It is always fun, and he loves to go camping. Before he came to us, he had never camped."

Tyler's mother said they had Zaemon for only a week last summer and couldn't go camping, but were planning on making up for it this summer during the two weeks he would be with them.

Fresh Air Kids trade in New York streets for the grass and waters of New England. Johana Comeau, Southern New Hampshire Fresh Air Fund coordinator, said the youths would be going to volunteer host families in Hampton, Manchester, Rye, Goffstown, Derry, Danville, Epping, Hampstead, Alton Bay, Rochester, Fremont, Auburn, Atkinson, Mont Vernon, New Boston and Chester, as well as to Augusta and Springvale, Maine. Some of the city kids are leaving home for the first time but many return to spend time with families with whom they have stayed before.

The Fresh Air Fund is an independent, not-for-profit agency that has provided free summer vacations for more than 1.7 million New York youngsters from low-income communities since 1877.

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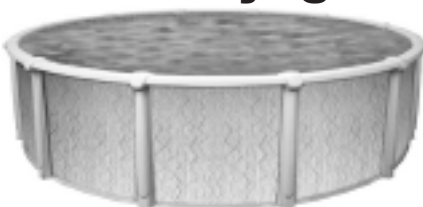
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Delinquent Dog Owners to be Fined this Week

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Notices for \$25 civil forfeitures will be sent out this week to residents who have not yet registered their dogs for 2012. Town clerk/tax collector Michelle Short informed the board of selectmen about the fines at their Monday, July 2, meeting.

Though the deadline for state-mandated dog registrations was April 30, a one month grace period was allowed by Short. During that time, 286 dog owners

were called by the town clerk's office. Some complications were noted because of disconnected numbers.

Short said 181 forfeitures will be delivered by police officers for unregistered dogs.

Dog licensing can be done online in Sandown. Visit www.sandown.us and click on the 'E-Reg' link.

According to state law, "every owner or keeper of a dog 4 months old or over shall annually cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed for one year in the office of the

clerk of the town in which the dog is kept. Regardless of when the license is obtained, the license shall be effective from May 1 of each year to April 30 of the subsequent year."

By law, the town must serve civil forfeiture fines of \$25 for unregistered dogs.

Licensing fees are as follows: Spayed or Neutered, \$6.50; Unaltered, \$9; Citizen over 65, \$2 (for first dog only); Kennel (five or more), \$20.

Current rabies certificates must be on file with the town clerk.

In other business Monday night:

- The selectmen will be looking into contracting with Virtual Town Hall for website hosting services, after the current de facto website administrator, selectmen's office assistant Paula Gulla, suggested the company.

After former website administrator Bette Patterson left employment with the town, Gulla has been taking care of updates, but informed the selectmen that she has no formal training in the area and had concerns about where the town

would be, should the website fail. She also noted that her website work can eat up significant time in the workday.

Gulla said she has heard Virtual Town Hall provides an easy, efficient and user-friendly solution and agreed to invite representation to speak with the board.

- The town has received approval from Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) to install American flags on utility poles in the center of town. Public works director Artie Genuardo recently suggested placing the flags after

he saw the practice in other towns. Likely the flags will be installed on poles between Central School and the Post Office.

How the flags will be funded is unknown, as selectman Brenda Copp said the Sandown Republican Committee would like to help defray the cost and Genuardo suggested placing the funds in his budget next year.

- Selectmen approved the \$4,500 bid of American Thunder Fireworks to provide a display for Old Home Days.

Recycle

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done. In addition to getting the town closer to winning the grant, residents will receive rewards from Recyclebank."

Reporting doesn't require residents to say how much they recycled, only that they did so. The company will check recycling numbers of the community and ascertain what each resident should be awarded by dividing the entire amount recycled by the number of households reporting recycling.

Residents were mailed an invitation flier from Recyclebank the week of June 25. Those who did not see the flier can sign up at Recyclebank.com/green-choices. The challenge started July 2 and runs through

Dec. 31. Recyclebank is a free program for participants, and rewards come in the form of points toward deals and discounts at local and national businesses.

Once a Recyclebank member, residents can report their recycling efforts each week to earn points by noting their recycling efforts on the Recyclebank website. Residents can also use the Recyclebank smartphone application on their iPhone or Android devices to report their recycling, check their Recyclebank Points balance and discover eligible reward offers. In order for a resident's recycling activity to count toward the Challenge, residents must report their recycling efforts at least once a month.

The winning community will be announced in Jan-

uary 2013.

While the SC Johnson Green Choices Recycling Challenge aims to increase consumers' recycling, it will also contribute to the company's goal of becoming landfill neutral by 2016. The company defines its waste footprint as all of its U.S. manufacturing, office and consumer packaging waste and shipping materials.

"Companies have a responsibility to make more environmentally conscious products and operate more sustainably, but we also need to find ways to inspire families and help them to make green choices, like recycling, an everyday action," said Fisk Johnson, chairman and chief executive officer of SC Johnson.

Hampstead joins more than 300 communities across the U.S. and the United

Kingdom that have implemented Recyclebank to help increase recycling rates.

In promoting participation in the program, Cabral said, "\$100,000 could make a big difference. Just think what our community could do with a \$100,000 grant. Perhaps we could get solar panels for buildings, or a sustainable community garden, or a green curriculum

in our schools. Residents are encouraged to submit ideas on recyclebank.com for a sustainability project or program so the reward is exactly what the community needs."

Cabral said the program is an opportunity for those who believe in recycling to redouble their efforts, and for those who haven't decided about the overall value of

recycling to try it. Hampstead recycling numbers have been inching up over the last couple of years and as those numbers increase, the amount of curbside trash to be disposed of at a tipping cost to the town has been decreasing. The committee hopes this program will motivate people to recycle more.



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Editorial

The Silent Majority

Positions on the ballot go begging. Appointments to commissions are readvertised, and still the same few volunteer. And in Londonderry, in spite of a free barbecue and more meetings than anyone should expect, very few residents took the time to offer their opinions on the future of their town – opinions that will go into creating a revised Master Plan.

When something like a development the size of Woodmont materializes, people awaken and complain. The time to do something, of course, is long past, when the Planned Unit Development concept was discussed at various public meetings. But that's human nature.

What is happening in Londonderry now, and has been happening in each of our towns, is low voter turnout, low numbers of town volunteers, and miniscule at best attendance at public meetings.

That's not unique to our area. It's a national phenomenon, but one that's more evident in New Hampshire, where so many vital decisions about our daily lives are determined locally, in forums that welcome input.

In most states, decisions are top down, and residents have their say at the polls - and at very few other places. In New Hampshire, we're much more bottom up, and you can expect to make your voice heard if you participate in local government.

That's why it's particularly sad when meeting rooms are empty of anyone but officials and reporters, when informational meetings such as one held in Hampstead last week on a new trash collection program attract only one resident, and why the Londonderry Master Plan process has produced so little public comment. None of that is for lack of trying.

We have yet to hear how to force people to take their civic duty seriously. After all, we don't live in a dictatorship, where attendance at rallies or the voting booth is mandatory – or else.

In a democracy, we can choose how active a citizen we wish to be, and in the heavily commuter-based society that is Southern New Hampshire, where people are working long hours, at the end of the day they can't be faulted for catching a few hours of relaxation at home. The cost of living is high here, and meeting it is the focus for most of us. After attending kids' activities or taking care of the house and yard, little time is left to bother with town affairs.

So sure, have Master Plan information at Old Home Day in Londonderry. Send out fliers. But it's not for lack of knowledge – or even caring – that response stays low. It's life in 2012, and the hope that whoever is in charge will do the right thing.

Newly Crowned

Jackie Tormey, a rising Pinkerton Academy senior and member of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program, was crowned this year's Miss Hampstead. The pageant was just one of the many activities at the annual Hampstead Fourth of July celebration in town on Saturday, June 30. See story on page 9.

Photo by Penny Williams



Chester College Buildings on Market for \$2.65 Million

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – The “for sale” signs have gone up, not long after Chester College of New England was officially closed due to insurmountable financial troubles. For anyone in the market for a college with about 77 acres and several buildings, one is available.

According to Chris Norwood of NAI Norwood Group, there have been several inquiries into the property since it went on the market about a month ago. Most, he said, are looking at the area for institutional uses with an eye to the assets, such as classrooms and meeting space, that the college's buildings possess.

Norwood added that his group is hoping the buyer will keep with the spirit of the college's assets and do something positive for the community.

The whole campus is listed for \$2,655,000.

Earlier this year, college president Robert Baines said the college's appraised value dropped from \$6.7 million in 2002 to the current \$2.7 million, and the institution

was facing debt of approximately \$2.3 million.

Though the goal is to sell off the entire property, it is also offered in pieces. The property is currently zoned as two parcels, the main parcel with the Wadleigh Library, classrooms and dorms, and the second the approximately two acres that holds Douglas Hall. The smaller Douglas Hall parcel is listed for \$275,000.

Many of the college's buildings are historically significant, including Douglas Hall, built in 1806 by Governor John Bell.

The area is in the General Residential and Agricultural District, limiting the uses of the land. Special approval from the town would have to be granted for most commercial uses. Aside from special exceptions, allowed for in the district are single and two-family dwellings, cluster development, home occupation/home business, churches, educational institutions, kindergarten and childcare centers and general farming and forestry activities.

According to Chester planning coordinator Cyn-

thia Robinson, while there have been phone inquiries into potential uses for the property, no appointments with the planning board have been set. Robinson added that the planning board is willing to work with new owners of the property if a zoning amendment is on the horizon.

When Chester College of New England trustees decided to close the school in May, they were facing a nearly \$2 million shortfall going into the coming school year. The school had been struggling with money troubles for years and despite best efforts, said trustees, there was no way to save it. Students, staff and faculty tried feverishly to raise enough money to save the school in the month before its closure, but the gap was too big. When the decision was made to close, just 35 new students had registered, but the school needed at least 65 to try to keep the doors open.

Chester College began as White Pines College in 1965. It changed its name in 2002 when it expanded from a two-year to a four-year institution.



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Eagle Scout Project Improves Landscape at Municipal Building

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – Though a visitor driving through town may not know it, much of Chester is the way it is not because of taxpayer or private funding, but because of the volunteer efforts of its Boy Scout Troop 163. From landscaping to flag poles to picnic tables, signs and trail work, the town is dotted with the physical evidence of many an Eagle Scout project.

The latest is an improvement to the landscape and one of the entranceways to the municipal building, done by recently turned 18 Eagle Scout hopeful Trevor Renaud.

Renaud laid a concrete walkway into the cable studio/meeting room, next to the entrance to the multipurpose room, and beside it

installed a stately granite bench, and planted a weeping cherry tree and new grass. The project allows handicap entrance to the meeting room and provides a place for town workers and others to enjoy their lunch.

It adds a lot to the area, but after just a couple passes, it's easy to forget what the area used to look like. Before the high school senior got to it, there was just one granite step and some struggling grass.

The walkway was finished last October and after a winter of brainstorming, Renaud put the finishing touches on the landscaping earlier this year.

Though the physical aspects of the project are the most apparent, the project encompassed much more. It has its origins in Renaud's discussions with the board of



Boy Scout Trevor Renaud poses near his newly finished bench and walkway at the Chester Town Hall.

selectmen on what the town might need.

After learning that an entranceway to a newly created meeting room was in

order, Renaud had to brainstorm what the project would entail and then write up a project scope, with specifications and costs, and explain why it was a worthwhile community service, in order to get approval from Scout leaders and the selectmen. He then had to raise money for the project, approach local businesses for help and donations, solicit help from fellow scouts and friends, and make sure it was all done before his 18th birthday.

And to even get to that point, Renaud already had to earn a host of badges and ranks and serve in a leadership role within his troop.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. It demands leadership, good organization skills, dedication and the ability to see a complicated task through from beginning to end. Each year, just 5 percent of scouts eligible earn the rank.

One of the most difficult parts of the physical aspect of the project was laying the concrete walkway in such a way as to make sure it was handicapped accessible and drained correctly.

Renaud's godfather is a mason and helped him through the technical aspects. In part because scouts are so willing to help each other out when Eagle projects are at hand, they learn not only social skills and the value of volunteering, but learn more about construction work than the average homeowner. From pouring concrete to seeding a lawn to erecting a flagpole to carpentry, the young men aren't just learning about camping and hiking in scouts.

"I've learned a lot over

the years," said Renaud, who spoke confidently but also humbly about his experience. He added that scouts help other scouts and "then they turn around and help you out."

The most difficult part of the project? The heaps of paperwork.

Though he took part in fundraising efforts, much of the project was completed with help and donations from local businesses. Eric Bellemore of Eric's Lawnmowing loaned a tractor and provided loam, gravel and seed, Chester's American Legion Post 108 donated the wood and wire for the concrete pouring, and Aggregate Industries trucked the concrete in free. Tractor Supply Co. donated the bark mulch, and he got a deal on the bench from W.S. Goodrich in Epping.

And Renaud's parents and sister were integral to his success as well.

Renaud is set to go before the Eagle Board for final approval of his project in August. And now that he's got some more free time, he's looking forward to continued volunteer efforts by helping out at the fire department in a newly formed Explorers program in town.



Lots to Go Round

Lions member Kathi Soule sorts through some of the many movies for sale at the annual Sandown Lions Club Yard Sale at the Sandown Town Hall on Saturday, June 30. She and other members spent most of the day raising money for local charities and scholarships by selling the thousands of items on display that they collected as donations.

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School Board Announces New Scholarship for Academic Excellence

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – Thanks to the gift of an anonymous donor, the Chester School Board is now able to award the top graduating senior from Chester with what could amount to \$1,000 per year over the course of their college studies.

The scholarship was announced at Chester Academy's eighth grade graduation as the newest crop of Chester students bid farewell to Chester Academy and set their sights on their Pinkerton Academy high school careers.

Along with superintendent Jim Gaylord, school board member Mike Ro-

mick announced the award.

Beginning next school year, the scholarship will be announced and awarded each year after Pinkerton closes the senior class grades and announces students' academic ranking. For their hard work and high academic standing, the top senior will receive \$1,000. That senior will

then be eligible for \$1,000 per year over the next three years as he or she works through undergraduate studies. Those additional awards are contingent upon maintaining good academic standing.

In the scholarship's first year, \$1,000 will be awarded to the top senior. In the second year, another senior will

receive \$1,000 and, potentially, the previous year's recipient will receive another \$1,000, so that as time progresses, the school board may, each year, award a maximum of \$4,000, divvied up among four students.

School board chair Royal Richardson spoke for his peers, saying, "The board members are very pleased to

be able to offer this reward for academic excellence, and it is very gratifying that someone was willing to make this extraordinarily generous gesture to honor our students. We are very proud of the results of our students and we are gratified that a member of the public is willing to put this award in place."

Hampstead Garden Club Hosts Summer Garden Tour

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead Garden Club is presenting a "Garden Walk" of six unique gardens on Saturday, July 21, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

This year the walk has a "downpour" date of Sunday, July 22, with the same times.

The 2012 theme is "Discover the Secrets," and the Garden Club will have a professional specialist at each garden site to answer gardening questions.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Hampstead Garden Club civic projects. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the walk,

and are available at the Hampstead Public Library and at Tulip Tree Farm, or by contacting Darlene Snell at 490-4581 or online at snell-lakehouse29@gmail.com.

The six gardens on the tour are:

- Cascades & Koi Pergola Retreat, 27 Lilac Lane, Sandown – Karen and Dan Donovan present a waterfall and pond with ornamental grasses, water lilies, and white and green plantings, along with a raised-bed vegetable garden, cornfield and chicken coop. A Chester Hollow representative will help visitors envision their own water features.

- A Calming Place to De-Stress, 118 Central St., East Hampstead – Drusilla

and Daniel Gamelin host gardens linked by paths and lined with rock walls. A landscape designer from Landscapers Depot of Kingston will be at the site.

- Provides a Feeling of Security, 390 East Road, Hampstead – Ginny and Ed Duston offer century-old stone walls and a white picket fence dressed with perennials at the farm's

entrance. An unheated greenhouse allows the growing season to go from March into December. The Dustons and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners will share their knowledge.

- My Place of Serenity, 30 East Road, Hampstead – Cheryl and Richard Pousard feature plants attract-

ing birds and butterflies. A specialist from Pawtucket-away Nursery of Lee will identify plants and answer questions.

- Sense of Harmony, 14 Pinewood Drive, Hampstead – Pan and Bob Boulter combine shrubs and trees with contoured borders to their gardens. A representative from Shady Hill Gardens, Londonderry will help visitors recreate this garden.

- A Tranquil Haven, 18 Lexington Drive, Hampstead – Joyce Bertolino created the garden as grief therapy after the loss of her son, Marine Pfc. Matthew Bertolino. The garden features a variety of birdhouses, feeders and birdbaths. Wild Birds Unlimited of Plaistow will have a representative on site, along with Hampstead resident Kathe Cussen, to share bird knowledge and gardening information.

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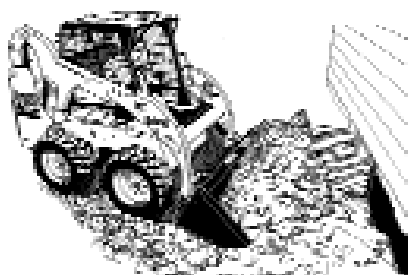
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Navy

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in his wake."

Only 3 percent of Navy sailors make it to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Gladu retires from Navy Recruiting District New England as a Cryptologic Technician Technical Chief (Surface Warfare), with two Navy Commendation Medals, four Navy Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals and numerous campaign medals. He has also held the position of coordinator for the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship Program.

Speaking directly to his brother, Jay Gladu said, "I never dreamed this day would come...I'm proud you decided to follow me into the Navy and make it a career. I was proud to stand on the bridge of the USS Pittsburgh with you by my side. I'm proud of all of the contributions and sacrifices you have made over your 21 years to the Navy and this country, and finally, I'm proud that you are my brother."

Many awards and certificates of appreciation were given to Gladu from his fellow chiefs, the Navy's Commanding Officers, Governor John Lynch, and President and Commander in Chief Barack Obama.

The ceremonies embraced both Gladu's Navy family and his family at home. His wife, Martha Gladu, along with each of his kids, Nicholas, Kassidy, Chase and Karli, were given commendations for their support and understanding.

"Although you may never have had to carry out an order or deploy into hostile waters, your loyalty and steadfast support of your father's career can rightly be viewed as service to your country," read a commendation from Diego E. Codosea, Commander of Navy Recruiting District New England.

In his own speech, Gladu said he loved everything about the Navy, though he noted that there were difficult trials his job forced on him. The toughest, he said, was being away from his wife when Kassidy was born. Luckily he was the first off the ship when it docked, and his newborn daughter received the coveted first kiss of the arriving sailors.

"To my children, Nick, Chase, Kassidy and Karli. You are what makes me get up each and every morning and do what I do," said Gladu.

Gladu spent much of his time thanking his fellow servicemen and women, his brother, his parents and family and all those who came out to his retirement. He spoke about the tradi-

tion the ceremony entailed, but also that its aim was to thank and recognize those who supported him.

"This is not about me," he said. "Yes, my name and picture are in the program guide that you hold in your hand...But you see, without any of you, none of this would have happened. In the Navy we are often called away, called to duty in time of war or for humanitarian assistance. We pack our sea bags, kiss our loved ones goodbye and make the long walk towards the ship, usually with tears in our eyes. The days are long and the job is hard, but with family and friends supporting us, it makes the trip a little easier. For we all know that one day we will return home again and be reunited with the people we love and care about most."

Gladu singled out his wife as someone who always went above and beyond to support and love him. The two were married just before he was deployed to the Iraq war, and was on the pier with open arms when he returned home.

He served on the USS



At Philip Gladu's Navy retirement ceremony, his family was formally thanked for their sacrifice and support. Diego E. Codosea, Commander of Navy Recruiting District New England, presents the family certificates. Philip holds his youngest daughter, Karli, as his wife, Martha Gladu, daughter Kassidy and sons Chase and Nick look on.
Photo by Matt Rittenhouse


America out of Norfolk, Va., as his first duty station - the same ship his father had served on 20 years earlier.

"I've served for 21 years and have absolutely no regrets. I've made a lot of great friends, and memories that will last me a lifetime. Will I look back and wish I

had gone further? Probably. But for now I'm going to take those memories and friends and cherish them forever," concluded Gladu.

After the American flag was bestowed upon the retiree in a flag detail, the ceremony concluded with Gladu and his family pass-

ing ceremoniously through the side boys, sailors traditionally stationed on a ship's quarterdeck to welcome and say goodbye to visiting dignitaries. It is a long-standing tradition that marks Navy retirement ceremonies as a last formal goodbye to those who have served.



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New Staffer Heads Story Time at Chester Public Library

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER — Chester Public Library's new story time lady is just the kind of person to lead story time. She's bright and energetic, weaves lessons into the stories and crafts, and has the warm and welcoming demeanor kids flock to.

On Thursday, June 28, Emily Bradley was running the library's first Pajama Story Time of the summer, and though the job is a change of direction in her professional life, she fits right in. As the kids came up the stairs into the children's section, she greeted them enthusiastically by name - and with a big hug if they had already been participating in story times - and welcomed the new listeners.

The event began with the group of 2- to 9-year-olds introducing themselves and relaying a few stories from their week. Bradley joked that she forgot to wear her pajamas and was glad that so many of the kids wore theirs. As the group got into the first book of the night, Eric Carle's "The Very Lonely Firefly," Bradley asked questions about the insects and related the events of the story to things the kids' knew about. It's not always easy to keep a big group of kids focused, but as the story played out, the kids inched their way closer and closer to the reader.

Each story time with craft lasts about 45 minutes, but some of that depends on

the age and personalities of the kids, as Bradley tailors the readings to her group.

Though many readings consist of just one book, last week the kids all wanted another story.

"Who wants to read another book?" Bradley asked, before leading the kids in a rousing chant of "One more story! One more story!" and opening the cover of "Beacon, the Bright Little Firefly."

After the story was read, the group headed over to the craft part of the night, and everyone made iridescent fireflies together.

Bradley was hired at the end of May not only to run story time but to help out within the library. Her main task is to facilitate the children's programming. But important to the new library aide is to foster a love of books and reading in young people.

The job is part-time permanent and encompasses between 11 and 15 hours a week.

Bradley insists that one of the most important parts of story time is to get kids together with their peers in a fun setting. The kids communicate and ask questions of each other in an environment that promotes literary awareness, she said. That setting is as valuable as the story, she added.

"When kids develop a love of reading, it sticks. It's one of the big things we try to promote here," said Bradley.

Also a big deal is the educational side of story hour. While one could easi-

ly get away without that aspect, Bradley comes from a family of educators and is always looking for teaching moments. One of the story times recently had the kids planting sunflower seeds in a garden in front of the library, guessing how tall their flowers would grow. Another project saw them building birds' nests, talking about birds, and wondering whether the birds will prefer their natural nests or the kid-built versions.

To Bradley, that inquiry and questioning is part and parcel with reading.

The 28-year-old Bradley has lived in Chester for six years with her husband, Jeff Bradley. She earned her Bachelor's degree at Brown University in Community Health and recently earned a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Non-Fiction Writing from the University of New Hampshire. In between, she worked at Dartmouth Medical School, edited a community newspaper and while in graduate school, was the associate director of the Connors Writing Center.

Library director Tim Sheehan said he is pleased with the library's choice in Bradley, noting they waited until they found the perfect



Emily Bradley reads stories to the children who attended the first Pajama Story Time of the summer last week at the Chester Public Library. Photo by Chris Paul

candidate for the position. She's very enthusiastic and great with the kids, he said.

Sheehan said Bradley wears many hats at the library, and having her at work during the day is a boon to it services. She's good at introducing herself and meeting new children and encouraging them to visit, he said, which he noted is important to the library's leadership as it continues to build up the children's section.

That was evident Thursday night, as at least two of the kids had no plans to come to story time until they

happened to stop into the library that day.

Their mother, Christy Perfetto, said her kids wanted to come back to the library once they met Bradley. She said that her energy level and ability to engage with the kids was inspiring to see.

"Now that I know who's leading it, we'll be here," said Perfetto.

The numbers for story time participation had been going up before Bradley arrived, but since then they've continued to increase, said Sheehan.

At story time, it was evident that Bradley enjoys her new role. She said she's learning just as much from the kids as she hopes they're learning from her.

"It's a blast, I'm having so much fun," she said.

Story times happen every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. Pajama story times will take place at 7 p.m. on July 5, July 19, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9. Visit the library or go to www.chesterlibrary.com to learn more about this summer's child through adult programming.

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Hampstead Celebrates July 4 Early and in Style

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Fourth of July celebration arrives a trifle early in Hampstead each year, but that doesn't take a single thing away from the excitement and the fun. The Civic Club, the Lions Club and Hampstead Congregational Church

work together to present a day of fun while celebrating Independence Day.

The day got off to a glorious start last Saturday with bright sunshine, blue skies and a gentle cooling breeze. The first event and arguably the most popular was the frog jumping. The frogs ranged from very small to huge specimens,

and the kids can never resist checking on their frogs and showing them off to friends – leading to the inevitable – frogs escape and kids and parents give chase.

Every entrant received a prize. The best jump of the day was one from the older boys group of 107 inches, and the winning jump in the younger boys section was 104 inches. The girls' frogs didn't give their male competitors much competition this year, with their jumps in the 50- to 60-inch range.

Following the frog jumping, the arcade games opened and the afternoon activities began. The Civic Club did a brisk food business, turning out hamburgers, cheese burgers, hot dogs, sausage rolls and freshly made French fries, and the Hampstead Congregational Church sold ice cream for dessert. The crowd ebbed and flowed through the afternoon and began to grow as the time neared for the Civic Club Scholarship announcement and the crowning of Miss Hampstead 2012.

The winners of the \$12,000 in scholarships the Civic Club awards to Hampstead seniors headed for college follow:

- The scholarship in memory of Marine Pfc. Matthew Bertolino went to Gavin Anderson.

- The Capt. Jon Grassbaugh Memorial Scholar-

ship went to Caitlin Whearty.

Other winners were Kevin Colbert, Nick Currier, Val Eiro, Christopher Gray, Madison Leppzer, Elizabeth Rialdi, Lauren Rialdi, Elizabeth Richard, Sean Smith and Meghan Stanton.

This year the Miss Hamp-

stead crown went to a rising Pinkerton Academy senior Jackie Tormey, a member of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

"Col. (Howie) Steadman told me about this opportunity, what Miss Hampstead does, and I saw it as an opportunity to give back to

the town that has done so much for me," Tormey said. "This will give me a chance to become more involved in my community. I love giving back and to me this is a great opportunity to pay it forward."

The evening concluded with a fireworks display at dusk.



Nathan Lindquist, 8, watches his frog, which jumped 104 inches, making him the winner of the 4- to 9-year-old age category in the popular Hampstead Fourth of July Frog Jumping contest. Photo by Penny Williams



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Students Spend Year Working on African Project

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Julie Ahern and her St. Anne's Parish fourth grade CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine or catechism) class decided to spend the winter on a humanitarian project that could easily be linked to what they were studying.

They chose the Our Journey Organization and a Buy a Blanket Campaign for Kenya project.

The children worked all winter doing chores to raise money.

"My students went above and beyond to raise money for the purchase of blankets for the street children in Africa through the

Our Journey Organization," Ahern said. Our Journey, Inc. is a non-profit organization working in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya with community-based programs emphasizing self-reliance for families and children impacted by AIDS. There are an estimated 1.9 million orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya as a

result of HIV and AIDS, which remains the country's single biggest health care challenge.

Buy a Blanket Campaign for Kenya, 2012 had a goal of raising enough money to purchase 1,000 blankets for street children in Kenya.

The cost of one blanket is \$13. The organization distributed 500 blankets in 2011.

Ahern and her fourth graders were able to raise enough money through doing their chores to purchase six blankets, which

will be among the 1,000 Our Journey will be distributing in Kenya this year.

Ahern said this was a project from the heart of the Hampstead students, reaching out to children less fortunate a world away - a perfect lesson in faith.



Pictured are Michael Packowski, Anthony Brown, Skyler Schroth, Olivia Frubeis, Ashleigh Ahern, Hunter Mullane, and Maria Kelly, members of Julie Ahern's fourth grade CCD class. Students spent the winter doing chores to raise money to buy blankets through the Our Journey Organization for street children in Kenya. *Courtesy photo*

Summer Reading in Full Swing

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead Public Library Summer Reading Program is off to a flying start, with Genius Kits picked up June 20, a "visit" to a tropical paradise that ran the gamut from crafts to games on June 21, and Reach for the Stars, a "trip to the moon" that inspired crafts on June 27, followed by a combined library and Summer Recreation program on Thursday, June 28, that featured magician Norman Ng at Central School.

Children's Librarian Patty Falconer read the book "If You Decide to Go to the Moon" by Faith McNulty for the "Trip to the Moon" program. The picture book is written with text and illustrations by Steven Kellogg that show how different the moon is from Earth, and why life is beautiful on the ground.

The event room was packed with children, from babes in arms to fifth graders, and a dozen or more parents perched on chairs. Two Library Pages, Rachel



Magician Michael Ng, sponsored by the Hampstead Summer Recreation Program in conjunction with the Hampstead Public Library Summer Reading Program, was a huge hit with the kids, parents and counselors who attended his magic show. Pictured is Ng finding coins on Jack Bond, 6. *Photo by Penny Williams*

Lanza and Micaela Griffin, helped the youngsters with the crafts that followed the reading of the book.

The youngsters could choose among three crafts - making a Star Projector, drawing pictures inspired by the story that would be com-

bined into a group mural and hung for all to see, and making a glow-in-the-dark comet from a yellow tennis ball and plastic bags.

For times of future events, call Falconer at 329-6411 or visit the calendar pages in this edition.



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Dogs

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disease, and that were then put down by police, the state doesn't require testing unless it's known or suspected that the animal came in contact with a pet or human. This year, there have been two in less than a week, and to Kontos it's surprising.

Including Sandown's two, there have been 10 confirmed rabies cases in New Hampshire this year, according to the state. Rabid animals were also found in Danville, Exeter, Winchester, two in Bedford, Littleton, Manchester and Dalton. Among those were three skunks, four raccoons, a groundhog, a bat and a coyote. To date this year, 141 animals have been tested, including 58 in May. In 2011 at this time, 142 animals were tested and six were found positive.

In 2011 there were a total of 25 confirmed cases of rabies, a number that stood at 17 in 2010, 33 in 2009, and 59 in 2008. No animal in 2009, 2010 or 2011 tested positive in the Tri-Town area.

Peter Wikoff of the state Public Health Laboratories said that while Sandown has had two positive cases recently, New Hampshire data doesn't indicate that rabies is on the rise.

Though all mammals can contract the virus, there are four high risk animals - bats, foxes, raccoons and skunks. Though a groundhog is a rodent, the disease is rarely found in rodents, the kinds of animals people will regularly see in their

backyards and that include squirrels, chipmunks, moles and mice. It is also not common in rabbits or hares.

The rabid raccoon was found on Beechwood Road, and was showing classic signs of the disease. Though a few animals become hyper aggressive or friendly when suffering from rabies, usually the animal will show signs of other neurological issues. These include tremors, seizures, walking around in circles and falling over.

The other side of the coin is shocking, said Kontos. The animal is hyper aware of its surroundings and can go after anything it sees.

"There are two forms of rabies, dumb and furious," said Kontos. She added that rabies can also mimic other diseases like distemper, so the animal must be tested for a conclusive diagnosis.

According to the state Department of Health and Human Services, rabies is a disease that attacks the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) of animals and people. It's caused by a virus and is almost always fatal. In people, symptoms of rabies are rapidly progressive and include anxiety, confusion, hallucinations, and the inability to swallow. Rabies in humans is rare in the U.S., but rabies in certain animals, especially wildlife, is common throughout the country.

It is generally spread

through any penetration of the skin by the teeth of an infected animal or the saliva, spinal cord or brain tissue of an infected animal introduced into the eyes, nose, mouth or open wounds.

Though the animal control officer asks that people not approach animals displaying odd behavior - instead, they should call the police - she doesn't want anyone to panic about the situation.

A fox or raccoon out in the daytime does not mean it is rabid. It might just be coming out to find food, said Kontos. She also strongly recommends against trapping healthy animals and moving them off one's property. This practice can thin the healthy population and make room for less healthy animals.

Instead, residents should

look for areas where the animals might shelter and make that less habitable, and keep food away. And anyone with a garden ravaged by groundhogs knows the importance of keeping the area fenced.

There's no need to always keep a dog on a leash, either, said Kontos. She suggested checking the yard to look for wild animals before letting the dog roam.

If you or your dog comes in contact with an animal suspected to have rabies, wash any exposed area right away. Wear gloves if washing your pet, the state recommends. Call the police, your vet or health care provider. For more information on the disease, visit <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/cdcs/rabies/publications.htm>.

End-of-Year Programs on Hampstead Cable

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - Hampstead School District Technology Director Lori Collins, assisted by Hampstead Cable 17 Interim Manager Bianca Nicolosi and Hampstead Middle School Information Technology teacher Dave Remillard, have put together a variety of programming for Channel 6.

The eighth grade awards program is now on cable, and eighth grade graduation is available on Channel 17. The schedule can be found at <http://www.hampstead.k12.nh.us>.

Collins said she considers it important to bring to the community via Cable TV Channel 6 the best of the events that take place.

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Daniel F. Sullivan Sr.

Daniel F. Sullivan Sr., 75, of Hampstead died June 30, 2012 at Prescott House, North Andover, Mass.

He was born in Boston, Mass., on March 25, 1937, a son of Dennis and Elizabeth (Scanlon) Sullivan, and had been a resident of Hampstead for over 35 years.

Mr. Sullivan was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict. Following the war, he was employed with Boston Edison until he retired when the company became NSTAR.

Mr. Sullivan had a strong work ethic, and enjoyed working long and hard and did not take a lot of time for himself. He was a member of the Local Utilities Union in Boston.

Following retirement, he took annual trips to Ireland with his wife. Mr. Sullivan was a "jack of all trades" and helped friends and neighbors. A sports fan all of his life, he enjoyed following all the local teams.

He is survived by his daughter, Christine Pelletier and her husband, Christopher, of Hampstead; his son, Daniel Sullivan Jr. and his wife, Beverly, of Salem, NH; two granddaughters, Corrie Sullivan and Lindsey Sullivan; one grandson, Oliver Pelletier; one sister, Elizabeth Walsh of Osterville, Mass.; one brother, John Sullivan of West Roxbury, Mass.; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Ellen (Murray) Sullivan, in 2010, and two sisters, Eileen Shore and Ann Radzik.

Calling hours are Friday, July 6, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, July 7, at 10 a.m. in St. Anne's Parish, Hampstead. The burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kent Farm Road, Hampstead. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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CHESTER

Hunger Games Party

The Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., hosts a Hunger Games Party on Thursday, July 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. for Hunger Games fans ages 10 to 16. Participate in Hunger Games and a trivia contest. Space is limited. R.S.V.P. is required by Friday, July 6. To R.S.V.P., call the Library at 887-3404.

Book Discussion

The Chester Public Library Book Group Discussion meets every third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. On July 17, the book is "The Dry Grass of August" by Anna Jean Mahew, and the Aug. 21 topic is the book "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress" by Dai Sijie. Cardholders may borrow copies of the books to be discussed. For more information, call the Library at 887-3404.

Challenger Soccer Camp

The Chester Soccer Club is hosting Challenger Sports soccer camp Aug. 6-10 at the Chester town soccer field. Any child ages 4-15

from any town can sign up for one of three sessions that week: Full Day, ages 8-15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Half Day, ages 6-15, 9 a.m. to noon; and Mini-soccer, ages 4-6, 1 to 2:30 p.m. For the registration link visit www.chesternhsoccer.com/.

Challenger Goalie Camp

Challenger's Southern New Hampshire Goalie Camp will be held at the Chester town soccer field Aug 6-10. Any child ages 7-15 from any town is welcome to sign up for one of two sessions: for ages 7 to 10, 4 to 6 p.m., and for ages 10 to 14, 6 to 8 p.m. For the registration link, visit <http://www.chesternhsoccer.com/>.

PJs Storytimes

PJs Storytimes at the Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., takes place Thursdays, July 5, July 19, Aug. 2, and Aug. 9, all at 7 p.m. For more information, call the library at 887-3404.

Arts Contest

Chester Public Library holds a Visual/Literary Arts Contest for ages 8 to 15 in

the following categories: drawing, photography, and poetry. Entries must be received by Friday, Aug. 3. The Contest Awards Ceremony will be held Thursday, Aug. 16, during the Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the library at 887-3404.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Fellowship Bible Church, 48 Rod & Gun Club Road, with the theme "Jesus Is the Treasure," takes place July 9 through 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. The program is for ages 4 through kids finishing sixth grade. A closing carnival for the whole family takes place the evening of July 13. For more information, call 887-2599.

Farmers' Market, Car Night

Chester Congregational & Baptist Church, 4 Chester St., will host a Farmers' Market on the following Thursdays - July 19 and Aug. 16 - from 5 to 8 p.m. (rain dates are July 26 and Aug. 23). The dates coincide with Chester's Cruisin' Car Night, which takes place directly

across the street from the church and offers classic cars, food, ice cream, raffles and music. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net. The Chester Historical Society will be open the same nights as the Farmers Markets and car shows, and the antique mail wagon will be on display outdoors. Scarecrows can be picked up at this time.

Storytimes

The Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., offers free Storytimes with stories and crafts every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. with Mrs. Emily. For more information, call 887-3404.

Co-ed Volleyball

Chester Recreation is offering free adult co-ed pickup volleyball on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Chester Multi-purpose room. Call the Recreation Department for more information at 887-5773 or e-mail: sharon@chesternhrec.org

Scarecrow Pick Up

The Scarecrows of Chester have arrived at the Historical Society Museum. They have been cut out by Sylvia Anderson; painted by Jackie Brown, Judy Pepper

and Alexandra Hadik; sewn and ironed by Diane Methot; turned inside out by Jean Methot and have had their bodies made by Don Brown. Pick up starts when the museum is open on the second Saturday of July and August from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. September will be the month to construct the characters to be on display by Oct. 1. If the pickup time is not convenient, call Jackie Brown at 887-3842 to arrange a time or to order for 2013. This is a fund raiser for the Chester Historical Society.

HAMPSTEAD

Book Talks

The Hampstead Public Library Non-Fiction Book Group meets Monday, July 16, at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Floor of Heaven: a True Tale of the Last Frontier and the Yukon Gold Rush" by Howard Blum. On July 19, at 1 p.m., the Third Thursday Book Group will discuss "The Man Who Loved Books Too Much: the True Story of a Thief, a Detective, and a World of Literary Obsession" by Allison Hoover Bartlett. Copies of the books are available at the library's front desk, and newcomers are welcome to the discussions.

Car Show

A Cruisin' Car Show takes place Saturday, July 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave. Four plaques will be awarded to the four best all-around cars, and a 50/50 raffle is offered. Participation and attendance are free, and car show drivers receive a free hot dog and drink. The car show is part of the 31st annual St. Anne Summerfest on the town green next to St. Anne. The family festival and craft fair is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with games for all ages, Lakes Race and Fun Walk, bounce tents, face painting, a bake sale, a bake off, grill fare, a silent auction, and cash and gift raffles. For more information about the car show, call Bill Flynn at 329-1198 or visit www.saintannechurchnh.org and click on "Summerfest" at the top.

Farmers Market

The Hampstead Farmers Market will open Saturday, July 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stage Road Junction parking lot off Mary E. Clark Drive. The market will be open Saturdays through Oct. 27 and offers produce and items from

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Yard Sale

An indoor/outdoor yard sale will be held rain or shine on Thursday, July 12; Friday, July 13 and Saturday, July 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. Items are priced as marked. Furniture, linens, curtains, pillows, decorations, toys, puzzles, VHS tapes, cassettes, records, rugs, baskets, glassware, and electronics are featured. The church is an interdenominational Christian fellowship serving the community since 1897, and proceeds benefit the Operating Fund.

For more information, call 378-0683.

Summer Concerts

Hampstead Meeting House Park's 2012 free Summer Concert Series take place Tuesdays at 6 p.m., rain or shine. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic. The schedule is: Tuesday, July 10, Banjo Dan & The Midnight Plowboys; Tuesday, July 31, Rico Barr Swing Band; Tuesday, Aug. 7, Don Campbell; Tuesday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m. Southern Rail; and Tuesday, Aug. 21, The 60's Invasion Band.

Library Movie

On Wednesday, July 11, at 7 p.m., the Hampstead Public Library will show the second movie in its Film Noir Festival, "The Big Sleep." Popcorn will be provided.

Sleep Program

Sleep will be the topic of a program offered Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m. at the

Hampstead Public Library. Speaker is John Murray, coordinator of the Sleep Technology Program at Northern Essex Community College. He will provide an overview of sleep issues, their causes and treatments, as well as suggestions. The program is sponsored by the Northern Essex Speakers' Bureau.

'Hunger Games'

On Thursday, July 5, at 6 p.m., the Hampstead Public Library has a "Hunger Games" event for kids entering grades 5 through 8 in the fall. Participate in this survival of the fittest challenge.

Pillowcase Decorations

On Wednesday, July 11, at 4 p.m., the Hampstead Public Library presents a craft for middle school aged kids - decorating pillowcases. The library will supply the materials. Sign up in advance at the library's front desk, call 329-6411, or

email pfalconer@hampstead.lib.nh.us.

Music Performance

On Thursday, July 11, at 2 p.m., the Hampstead Public Library welcomes singer/songwriter Judy Pancoast.

Senior Trip

The Hampstead Seniors are planning a trip to lobster in the Rough on Wednesday, July 25, with a side trip to York Beach, Maine. The meal includes a choice of lobster or chicken. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. from the St. Anne's parking lot and returns at 5 p.m. Sign-up is Wednesday, July 11, between 9 and 10 a.m. at the Meeting House on Emerson Avenue. Age restriction is 62 years old or older. Cost of the trip is \$27 per Hampstead resident, \$32 per non-resident. Payment is due at sign-up. Hampstead seniors receive first choice; all others are placed on a waiting list.

Proof of residence is required. For more information, call Cleta Barry at 329-9550.

Library Art

The Hampstead Public Library features the work of local artist Christine Casarano, with her paintings on display in the library's second floor meeting room now through Aug. 17. She is a self-taught painter whose preferred medium is acrylics.

Star Wars Mania

The Hampstead Public Library presents Star Wars Mania, with Star Wars games and crafts on Monday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m. Kids can make a light saber, participate in Jedi training, go on an asteroid hunt and test their Star Wars trivia skills.

Children's Museum at Library

Staff from the Children's Museum of New Hampshire will visit the Hampstead Public Library on Tuesday,

July 17, at 2 p.m. to present "Up All Night," a program about nocturnal animals. Kids can study owl talons, examine animal tracks, experiment with night vision, and smell scents from nature, and will make an owl craft.

Golf Tourney

The Hampstead Civic Club Golf Tournament takes place Friday, Aug. 10, at Windham Country Club, with registration from 6 to 7 a.m., and a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, with scramble format. The entry fee of \$125 per player includes greens fees, cart, and post-golf dinner. Visit www.Hampstead-CivicClub.com for registration. Call Ken Fure at 339-1116 with questions.

Summerfest Crafters

Crafters and artists are sought for the St. Anne Summerfest, to be held Saturday, July 28, on the Hampstead Town Green.

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Historic Hampstead Bell and Yoke Repair Effort Praised

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Hampstead Historic District Heritage Commission member Priscilla Lindquist shared with the commission Monday night a note Cub Scout leader Tom Lindquist had sent out to fellow Scout leaders, in which he referenced the repairs made to the Paul Revere Jr. Bell and yoke at the Old Meeting House.

“The problem was that the yoke which supported the bell while ringing was rotten and needed to be replaced,” he wrote. “As

you can imagine, doing something like this to a 1,200 pound bell way up in the air like that in an old building is a pretty big deal. Since around 2004, the bell was deemed unsafe for ringing. It was therefore stabilized and only “Tolling” of the bell was allowed... when you ring the bell slowly by swinging the hammer against the bell (the bell stays fixed), rather than turning or swinging the bell so that it strikes the hammer as it swings... There has been a tradition in town of ringing that bell at 12:01 on July 4th.

“...As I was sitting in my

office, (I) just heard the bell ring a double ring for the first time in many years, and the only way that can happen is if it is swinging. This is something that could have been put off for months or years to come and ultimately never gotten done. The easy thing to do would be nothing at all. I think it is great that our town finds these type of simple traditions to be important, as the Meeting House is now more alive and we can all feel good about preserving a little piece of history for a building that is a strong icon in our town.”

In addition to the bell restoration, the final work on the Old Meeting House steeple is under way, with Mid Maine Restoration Co. (MMR) working on replacing the steeple roof and balustrade. After the Fourth of July, when the bell was to be rung at midnight, ushering in Hampstead’s Independence Day, the finishing touches will be done to the restoration and repair of the bell and yoke by MMR.

Member Rob Morris said the Hampstead Historical Society, of which he is also a member, is considering creating a plaque with the date of the bell and yoke system

restoration and the names of those instrumental in accomplishing it. The commission members said they would be interested in joining in as the plans for the plaque unfold.

Morris said Dave Dupouy, once the bell restoration project is completed, plans to put together a proposal for the repair and restoration of the columns on the front of the Hampstead Historical Museum on Main Street. The columns are falling into disrepair, largely from water damage from the gutter.

Once Dupouy provides the commission with a pro-

posal and the estimated cost, where to find funding will be addressed. Members discussed contacting the Methuen, Mass., Festival of Trees, which provided a grant to help with the Old Meeting House steeple repair and restoration, as well as the state’s Moose Plate grant program.

The final decision will be made once Dupouy submits his proposal and the commission knows what it is facing money wise. Members also wondered who could write the grant applications but that was tabled for another meeting.

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Booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other activities planned for the day include a road race, vintage car show, games for all ages, food and bake sales, bounce tent, obstacle course, live entertainment, silent auction, and raffles. Spaces are 10- by- 10-feet (no chairs or tables provided) and cost \$40 for an uncovered space and \$50 for a covered space. More information and an application are at www.saintannechurchnh.org (click on “Summerfest” at the top, then “Craft and Art Booths”), or contact Claire Manes at 642-3250 from 9 am. to 9 p.m.

SANDOWN

Explorer Open House

The Police and Fire/Rescue Explorer Posts will hold an open house at the fire/police station on July 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to talk with persons interested in the groups. Both Explorer Posts are always looking for new members. The Explorer Program is a way to learn about careers in a hands-on way, and police officers and firefighter/EMTs laud it as a way to secure a foot in the door of a department. The program is open to all area residents aged 14 to 20.

Movie Day

The family film “Big Miracle” will be shown Monday, July 9, at 1 p.m. at

the Sandown Public Library.

Tie Dye Pillowcases

Sharpie Tie Dye Pillowcases or T-Shirts is a craft offered for ages 10 and up at 3:30 p.m. July 9 at the Sandown Public Library. Bring in a white pillowcase or white T-shirt. The program is also offered at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 19, for ages 7-10.

Cribbage Club

The Sandown Public Library offers a Cribbage Club at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. All levels of experience are welcome.

Preschool Story Hour

Preschoolers and their parents are invited to Tuesday Story Hour sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library. Miss Jenn Dawley presents stories, songs, poems and crafts. Bedtime Stories will be the theme for July 10, Big Green Monster on July 17, and Out of this World with Skippy Jon Jones on July 24.

Hawke the Reading Dog

From 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, Hawke, a trained therapy dog, will visit the Sandown Public Library. Hawke loves to have children read stories to her. Each child gets about 10 minutes alone with Hawke. Sign up at the library.

Bats for Preschoolers

At 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, join Mrs. McGravey

for stories about bats for preschoolers at the Sandown Public Library. Children will also make a bat craft to take home.

Movie Nights

The Sandown Public Library presents the PG-rated movie “Mirror, Mirror” on Wednesday, July 11, at 6 p.m. for children of all ages. Popcorn, Twizzlers, and juice will be provided. On Tuesday, July 17, at 6 p.m. G-rated “Monsters Inc.” will be presented.

Up All Night

The Children’s Museum of New Hampshire presents “Up All Night in New Hampshire” on Thursday, July 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the Sandown Public Library. Explore the sounds of the night, experiment with night vision, and create an “artsy owl” with members of the Children’s Museum of New Hampshire, who will teach about nocturnal animals that live in the state.

Outer Space

At 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 12, children ages 5 through 8 are invited for an hour of silly stories about aliens and a chance to make their own flying saucer at the Sandown Public Library.

Adult Book Discussion

On Tuesday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m., the Sandown Public Library’s Books & Bites! adult book discussion group meets to talk about “Pocket Full Of Names” by Joe Coomer.

Rockin’ Readers Book Group

At 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, the Rockin’ Readers Book Group will discuss “The Graveyard Book” by Neil Gaiman at the Sandown Public Library.

Stupendous Science

Stupendous Science with Miss Bea for ages 7-10 takes place at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, at the Sandown Public Library. The program is repeated at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 25. Sign up at the library in advance.

Birds, Bats, Butterflies

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension presents a family program on birds, bats and butterflies at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, at the Sandown Public Library.

Chess Club

Sandown Public Library hosts its Chess Club with chess master Monty Cole on Thursday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome, with no experience needed.

Dream Catchers, Photos

Beginning Monday, July 23, visitors to the Sandown Public Library can vote for their favorite dream catcher or night photograph on display. Prizes will be awarded to the entries with the most votes. All entries must be in the library by Saturday, July 21.

Cupcake Decorating

Cupcake decorating for ages 10 and up is offered at 2 p.m. Monday, July 23, at

the Sandown Public Library.

Pajamarama

A Pajamarama and Stuffed Animal Sleepover for preschoolers through third graders is offered at the Sandown Public Library on Wednesday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. Bedtime stories will be read and a snack served, and children are invited to leave a stuffed animal for a “stuffed animal sleepover.” Animals may be picked up the next day between 9 and 10:30 a.m., when doughnuts, fruit, and juice will be served.

Paranormal Activity

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Sandown Public Library, local paranormal investigation group North East Paranormal Associates will share stories and pictures of the paranormal gathered during investigations. This program is for tweens and older.

Timberlane Youth Soccer

The non-profit Timberlane Youth Soccer League’s online registration is now open for the fall season. The season runs for eight weeks and begins Saturday, Sept. 8, with no games over Columbus Day Weekend, Oct. 6. The season ends Saturday, Nov. 3. Registration fee is \$50 for U6-U12 divisions and \$65 for U14-U16. Register by July 15 to receive a sibling discount of \$5. Registration ends Aug. 15. For more information, visit www.timberlaneyouthsoccer.org or

call 382-3344. The program is for the children of Sandown, Atkinson, Danville, and Plaistow. Coaches are needed, and the league sponsors training clinics. The league is not affiliated with the Timberlane Regional School District.

Adult Summer Reading

The Sandown Public Library offers an adult Summer Reading Program for ages 18 and above. The program, “Between the Covers,” is a contest between men and women to see who reads the most pages. For every Sandown library book read, adults may also enter their name into raffles for gift certificates for free dinner and lunch at The Quill Restaurant at Southern New Hampshire University.

No-Sew Pillows, Movie

On Thursday, July 5, at 1 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library, Miss Jen will explain how to make a fleece pillow without having to sew. The program is for ages 8 and up. After the project, stay to watch the PG-rated movie “Bedtime Stories,” snuggled up on your handmade pillow.

Weekly Raffle

The Sandown Public Library offers a weekly raffle for six graders and up, with the winners announced every Saturday between noon and 1 p.m. Enter the raffle for each read book being returned. The drawing on July 7 will be for a Memories Ice Cream gift card.

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